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A Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

NEW MAINE METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS ARE DEFINED

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS (MSAs) ARE DEFINED BY THE OFFICE OF FEDERAL STATISTICAL POLICY AND STANDARDS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. THEY ARE LARGE POPULATION CENTERS, IN COMBINATION WITH ADJACENT COMMUNITIES WHICH ARE HIGHLY INTEGRATED WITH THESE CENTERS ECONOMICALLY AND SOCIALLY. THE CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING WHETHER A COMMUNITY BELONGS IN A METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA INCLUDE ITS POPULATION DENSITY AND THE PERCENTAGE OF ITS WORKERS WHO COMMUTE TO JOBS IN THE CENTRAL CORE OF THE URBAN AREA.

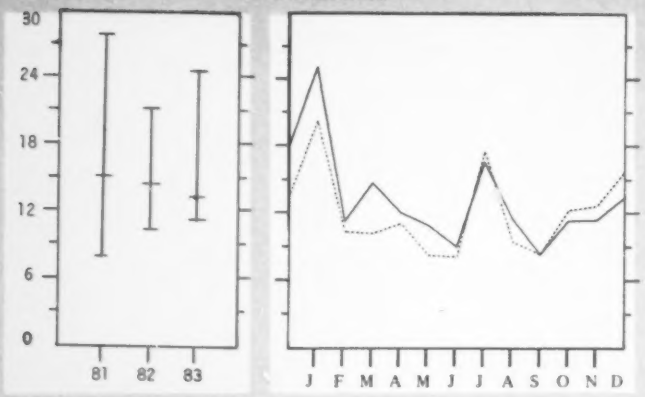
ON JUNE 30, 1983, FOUR AREAS IN MAINE WERE CONSTITUTED AS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS. PORTLAND, LEWISTON-AUBURN, AND BANGOR WERE DESIGNATED AS SELF-CONTAINED MSAs WITHIN MAINE, WHILE EIGHT TOWNS IN SOUTHERN MAINE WERE INCLUDED IN THE PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER MSA, WHICH IS LARGELY IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

TO QUALIFY AS AN MSA IN NEW ENGLAND, AN AREA (MADE UP OF A CENTRAL CORE AND OUTLYING CITIES AND TOWNS) MUST CONTAIN A CITY OF AT LEAST 50,000 POPULATION OR HAVE A TOTAL POPULATION OF AT LEAST 75,000. IN NEW ENGLAND, CITIES AND TOWNS ARE THE UNITS USED TO DEFINE METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS; IN THE REST OF THE COUNTRY, COUNTIES ARE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE. THIS DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS IS DUE TO THE GREATER ADMINISTRATIVE IMPORTANCE OF CITIES AND TOWNS IN NEW ENGLAND, AND THE GREATER AVAILABILITY OF DATA FOR THEM.

FOR ECONOMIC PURPOSES, MSAs IN MAINE ARE CONSIDERED TO BE LABOR MARKET AREAS. THIS REQUIRES THAT LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES BE PRODUCED FOR EACH MSA, BEGINNING IN 1985. ON PAGE 2 YOU WILL FIND A LIST OF THE NEW MAINE MSAs AND THE CITIES AND TOWNS THAT MAKE THEM UP.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS, PLEASE CONTACT THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH, 20 UNION STREET, AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330, OR CALL (207) 289-2271.

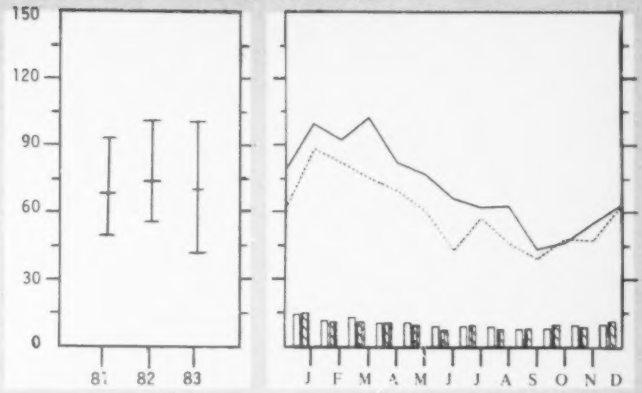
UI Initial Claims
in Thousands



Highest Month
Monthly Average
Lowest Month

1983 ——
1984 - - -

UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed
in Thousands



Highest Month
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1983 ——
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Weeks Claimed for Partial Unemployment
1983 ▯ 1984 ▨

NEW MAINE METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS (MSAs)

BY MINOR CIVIL DIVISION

PORTLAND MSA

Cape Elizabeth
Cumberland
Falmouth
Freeport
Gorham
Gray
North Yarmouth
Portland
Raymond
Scarborough
South Portland
Standish
Westbrook
Windham
Yarmouth
Buxton
Hollis
Old Orchard Beach

LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA

Auburn
Greene
Lewiston
Lisbon
Mechanic Falls
Poland
Sabattus

BANGOR MSA

Bangor
Brewer
Eddington
Glenburn
Hampden
Hermon
Holden
Old Town
Orono
Orrington
Veazie
Penobscot Indian Reservation
Kenduskeag
Winterport

PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER MSA

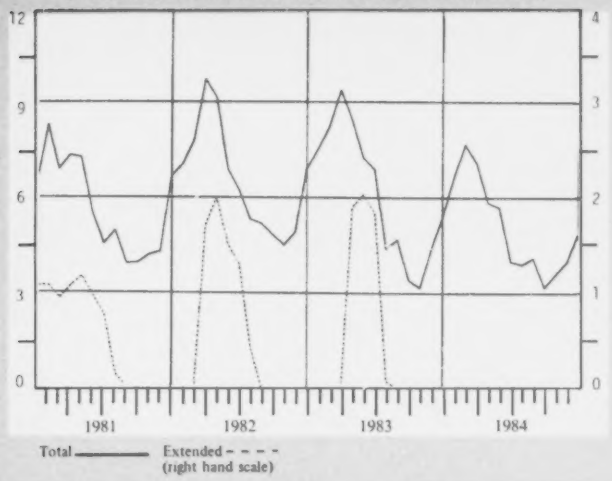
MAINE		NEW HAMPSHIRE	
Berwick	South Berwick	Greenland	Barrington
Eliot	Wells	Hampton	Dover
Kittery	York	New Castle	Durham
North Berwick	Ogunquit	Newfields	Farmington
		Newington	Lee
		Newmarket	Madbury
		North Hampton	Rochester
		Portsmouth	Rollingsford
		Rye	Somersworth

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

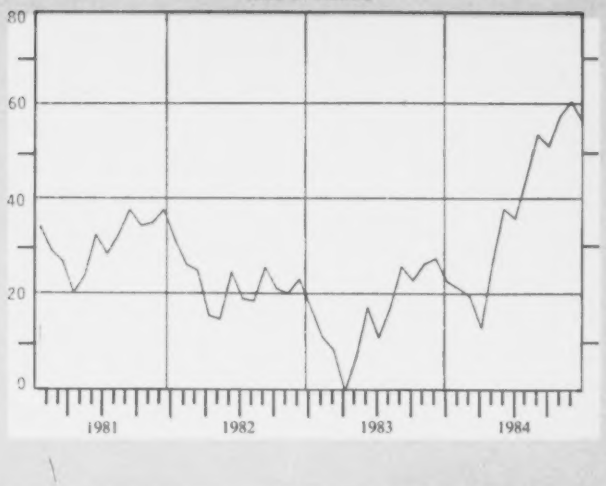
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	435.4	437.0	424.6	104.8	104.4	99.9	33.6	34.1	33.9
Total Manufacturing	107.1	107.5	109.7	17.0	16.8	16.8	10.3	10.7	11.3
Durable Goods	43.7	43.7	41.8	8.0	7.9	6.8	2.3	2.3	2.2
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	13.5	13.6	13.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	17.1	17.0	15.8	6.3	6.2	5.8	1.9	1.9	1.8
Other Durable Goods 3/	13.1	13.1	12.6	1.2	1.2	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	63.4	63.8	67.9	9.0	8.9	10.0	8.0	8.4	9.1
Food and Kindred Products	8.4	8.0	7.6	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.8	0.8	0.9
Textile Mill Products	6.6	6.5	7.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.4	1.3	1.6
Apparel	4.7	4.7	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	18.7	18.6	18.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.7	0.7	0.7
Leather and Leather Products	15.0	15.8	19.8	2.3	2.3	3.3	2.7	3.1	3.5
Footwear (except Rubber)	12.7	13.2	16.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.1	2.5	2.9
All Other	2.3	2.6	3.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	10.0	10.2	9.8	4.8	4.7	4.7	2.3	2.4	2.3
Total Nonmanufacturing	328.3	329.5	314.9	87.8	87.6	83.1	23.3	23.4	22.6
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.2	*	*	*	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contract Construction	18.0	19.2	17.1	4.3	4.5	4.2	1.4	1.4	1.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.4	18.4	18.4	5.6	5.6	5.6	1.2	1.2	1.3
Wholesale and Retail Trade	101.1	100.4	95.2	30.1	29.9	28.2	8.5	8.4	8.2
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	19.3	19.2	18.0	9.1	9.1	8.5	1.7	1.7	1.6
Services	85.2	85.6	81.8	24.1	23.9	22.5	7.4	7.6	7.1
Government	86.2	86.6	84.2	14.6	14.6	14.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
Federal	18.4	18.3	18.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	0.2	0.2	0.3
State and Local 5/	67.8	68.3	65.8	13.2	13.2	12.6	2.9	2.9	2.8
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 37, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37, 39. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30. 5/Regular teachers are inlcuded in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 100.

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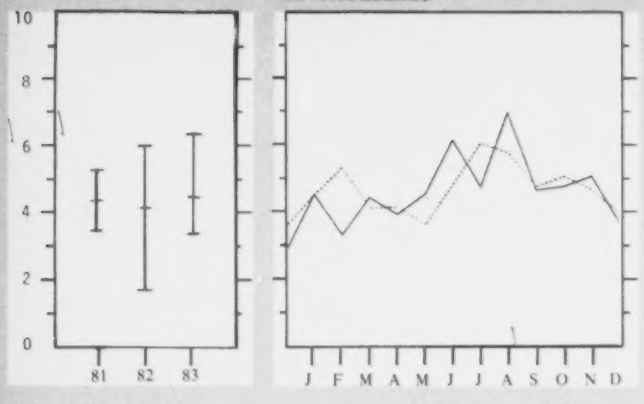
New Applications For Work

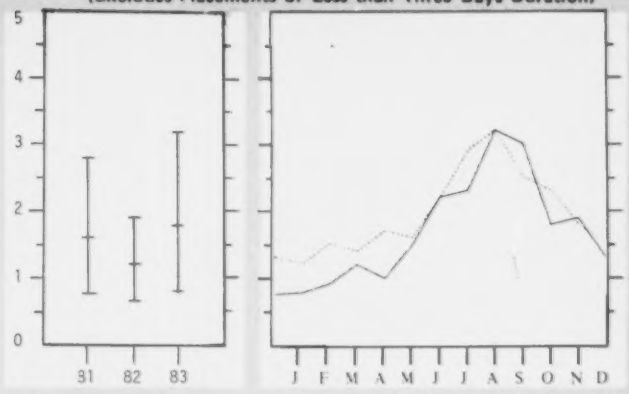
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1983	1982	1981
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$340.66	$338.85	$314.31	40.7	40.1	40.4	$8.37	$8.45	$7.78	$7.61	$7.22	$6.66
Durable Goods	350.99	346.32	325.62	41.1	40.6	40.4	8.54	8.53	8.06	8.04	7.59	6.97
Lumber and Wood Products	316.65	316.41	292.00	40.7	39.7	39.3	7.78	7.97	7.43	7.37	6.87	6.52
Metals and Machinery	335.38	320.79	319.19	41.0	40.3	41.4	8.18	7.96	7.71	7.59	7.15	6.61
Other Durable Goods	410.44	414.81	378.14	41.5	41.9	40.4	9.89	9.90	9.36	9.31	8.84	7.98
Nondurable Goods	334.53	333.92	307.44	40.5	39.8	40.4	8.26	8.39	7.61	7.37	7.00	6.48
Food and Kindred Products	241.49	243.57	226.15	36.7	36.3	36.3	6.58	6.71	6.23	6.10	5.84	5.50
Textile Mill Products	262.50	266.88	262.04	42.0	41.7	43.6	6.25	6.40	6.01	5.87	5.49	5.17
Apparel	201.96	196.42	194.71	36.0	35.2	36.6	5.61	5.58	5.32	5.39	5.23	4.97
Paper and Allied Products	547.21	558.67	525.54	46.1	45.2	46.1	11.87	12.36	11.40	10.95	10.10	9.27
Leather and Leather Products	216.94	211.77	211.30	36.4	36.2	37.2	5.96	5.85	5.68	5.59	5.46	5.10
Other Nondurable Goods	296.21	288.07	266.95	40.3	39.3	39.2	7.35	7.33	6.81	6.60	6.23	5.75
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	326.67	325.54	299.14	39.5	39.7	38.4	8.27	8.20	7.79	7.67	7.19	6.49
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	258.75	251.97	251.62	37.5	37.0	39.5	6.90	6.81	6.37	6.16	5.96	5.57

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	241.7	229.8	218.4
Unemployed	15.2	15.2	19.0
(Percent)	6.3%	6.6%	8.7%
Resident Employed	226.5	214.5	199.3

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	315.5	315.3	303.5	303.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.1%
Percent Change from Last December	+4.0%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.0%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	527.0	528.1	529.4	497.0	500.1	487.5	30.0	28.0	41.9	5.7	5.3	7.9
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	43,100	43,100	44,000	41,200	41,300	40,700	1,900	1,800	3,300	4.4	4.2	7.5
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	32,800	33,100	33,800	30,900	31,200	31,300	1,900	1,900	2,500	5.8	5.7	7.4
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	38,300	38,400	39,100	35,700	36,100	35,900	2,600	2,300	3,200	6.8	6.0	8.2
Portland SMSA	104,600	103,700	101,400	101,100	100,400	95,900	3,500	3,300	5,500	3.3	3.2	5.4
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	29,080	29,370	29,630	27,580	27,760	27,580	1,500	1,610	2,050	5.2	5.5	6.9
Bath-Brunswick	23,540	23,450	24,100	22,650	22,550	22,670	890	900	1,430	3.8	3.8	5.9
Belfast	11,090	11,230	11,400	9,840	10,020	9,940	1,250	1,210	1,460	11.3	10.8	12.8
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	7,680	7,920	8,390	7,180	7,450	7,670	500	470	720	6.5	5.9	8.6
Calais-Eastport	14,240	14,250	14,540	13,060	13,130	12,840	1,180	1,120	1,700	8.3	7.9	11.7
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,510	20,520	21,210	18,540	18,640	17,600	1,970	1,880	3,610	9.6	9.2	17.0
Central Penobscot	3,670	3,560	3,720	3,480	3,380	3,480	190	180	240	5.2	5.1	6.5
Dover-Foxcroft	6,610	6,430	6,630	6,250	6,130	6,180	360	300	450	5.4	4.7	6.8
Ellsworth	20,270	21,070	19,790	18,980	19,790	18,190	1,290	1,280	1,600	6.4	6.1	8.1
Farmington	12,540	12,520	13,400	11,580	11,550	12,210	960	970	1,190	7.7	7.7	8.9
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,200	5,130	4,880	4,780	4,780	4,480	420	350	400	8.1	6.8	8.2
Greenville	1,680	1,620	1,830	1,540	1,500	1,740	140	120	90	8.3	7.4	4.9
Houlton	4,940	4,940	4,980	4,630	4,640	4,490	310	300	490	6.3	6.1	9.8
Lincoln-Howland	5,900	5,880	5,970	5,640	5,630	5,600	260	250	370	4.4	4.3	6.2
Livermore Falls	6,250	6,210	6,080	5,590	5,620	5,350	660	590	730	10.6	9.5	12.0
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,110	3,970	4,240	3,720	3,670	3,720	390	300	520	9.5	7.6	12.3
Mechanic Falls	2,360	2,310	2,170	2,110	2,090	1,880	250	220	290	10.6	9.5	13.4
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,990	4,930	4,990	4,790	4,780	4,700	200	150	290	4.0	3.0	5.8
Patten-Island Falls	2,190	2,180	2,210	2,070	2,080	2,020	120	100	190	5.5	4.6	8.6
Rockland	17,960	18,220	17,460	16,930	17,210	15,930	1,030	1,010	1,530	5.7	5.5	8.8
Rumford	19,470	19,560	20,390	18,020	18,230	18,700	1,450	1,330	1,690	7.4	6.8	8.3
Sebago Lake Region	11,870	11,870	11,540	11,310	11,380	10,770	560	490	770	4.7	4.1	6.7
Skowhegan	21,310	21,360	20,990	19,590	19,900	18,660	1,720	1,460	2,330	8.1	6.8	11.1
Kittery-York	20,300	21,040	20,410	19,770	20,530	19,670	530	510	740	2.6	2.4	3.6
Southwest Penobscot	8,310	8,250	8,260	7,570	7,590	7,290	740	660	970	8.9	8.0	11.7
Waterville	22,090	22,120	22,090	20,900	21,070	20,380	1,190	1,050	1,710	5.4	4.7	7.7
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,694.4	1,627.3	n/a	1,620.3	1,547.4	n/a	74.1	79.9	n/a	4.3	4.9
Massachusetts	3,057.0	3,075.0	3,031.0	2,937.0	2,971.0	2,855.0	120.0	104.0	176.0	3.9	3.4	5.8
New Hampshire	n/a	527.1	511.6	n/a	509.4	491.7	n/a	17.8	19.9	n/a	3.4	3.9
Rhode Island	503.0	504.7	477.2	480.5	482.3	445.0	22.5	22.4	32.2	4.5	4.4	6.7
Vermont	277.3	275.2	268.3	265.4	264.4	252.5	11.9	10.8	15.8	4.3	3.9	5.9
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,076.5	5,915.4	n/a	5,847.4	5,591.6	n/a	229.1	323.8	n/a	3.8	5.5
UNITED STATES 3/	114,028	114,115	111,795	106,049	106,246	102,803	7,978	7,869	8,992	7.0	6.9	8.0

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	11,660	9,116	12,655	1,085	963	1,432	1,245	772	952
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.8	2.2	3.1	1.2	1.1	1.7	3.8	2.4	2.9

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM 1/

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	7.7	8.3	9.7
Clerical and Sales	16.0	18.0	17.5
Service	11.6	11.7	11.5
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	1.9	1.6	1.7
Processing	4.3	5.4	5.7
Machine Trades	16.0	16.5	11.2
Benchwork	15.2	15.8	9.2
Structural Work	13.2	9.6	18.5
Miscellaneous	14.1	13.1	15.0

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	58.3	56.1	55.0
Under 22	8.3	7.4	8.3
22-24	11.1	10.5	9.8
25-34	28.7	27.7	27.5
35-39	10.2	10.5	9.4
Total 40 and Over	41.7	43.9	45.0
40-44	7.6	8.0	7.5
45-54	12.1	12.1	11.5
55-64	9.2	10.1	20.6
65 and Over	12.8	13.7	5.4

1/ Data refers to continued claimants who received benefits under the regular state unemployment insurance program.

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